CLAIMS

1.   An apparatus comprising:

    at least one processor;

    a memory coupled to the at least one processor;

    a paste buffer residing in the memory, the paste buffer including first and second

fields; and

    a cut/copy mechanism residing in the memory that writes information selected by

a user into the first field of the paste buffer, and that automatically collects and writes

information relating to a source of the user-selected information in the second field of the

paste buffer when the user-selected information is written to the first field.

2.   The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the information that the cut/copy mechanism

writes to the second field is determined by at least one specified cut/copy preference.

3.   The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a paste mechanism that inserts the

information in the first field of the paste buffer into a document, and that processes the

information in the second field of the paste buffer to determine whether or not to

automatically create a citation according to at least one specified paste preference, and if

so, automatically creating a citation in the document that includes information from the

second field.

4.   The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the citation comprises a parenthetical citation

that is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is inserted into

the document.

1   5.   The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the citation comprises a footnote citation

2   comprising a footnote reference number and footnote text, wherein the footnote reference

3   number is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is inserted

4   into the document and wherein the footnote text is placed in a different location in the

5   document.

1   6.   The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the cut/copy mechanism and the paste

2   mechanism are different portions of the same copy/paste mechanism.

1   7.   An apparatus comprising:

2   at least one processor;

3   a memory coupled to the at least one processor;

4   a paste buffer residing in the memory, the paste buffer including first and second

5 fields; and

6   a paste mechanism residing in the memory that inserts information in the first

7 field of the paste buffer into a document, and that processes information in the second

8 field of the paste buffer to determine whether or not to automatically create a citation

9 according to at least one specified paste preference, and if so, automatically creating a

10 citation in the document that includes information from the second field.

1   8.   The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the citation comprises a parenthetical citation

2 that is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is inserted into

3 the document.

1   9.   The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the citation comprises a footnote citation

2 comprising a footnote reference number and footnote text, wherein the footnote reference

3 number is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is inserted

4 into the document, and wherein the footnote text is placed in a different location in the

5 document.

1   10.   A paste buffer residing in the memory of a computer system, the paste buffer

2   comprising;

3   a first field that contains information selected by a user; and

4   a second field that contains information relating to a source of the user-selected

5   information.

1   11.   An apparatus comprising:

2   a memory;

3   a paste buffer residing in the memory, the paste buffer including first and second

4   fields;

5   means residing in the memory for copying information selected by a user into the

6   first field in the paste buffer; and

7   means for automatically collecting and writing information relating to a source of

8   the user-selected information into the second field of the paste buffer when the user-

9   selected information is copied into the first field of the paste buffer.

1   12.   The apparatus of claim 11 further comprising:

2   means for inserting the information in the first field of the paste buffer into a

3   document;

4   means for processing the information in the second field of the paste buffer to

5   determine whether or not to automatically create a citation according to at least one

6   specified paste preference, and if so, automatically creating a citation in the document

7   that includes information from the second field.

1   13.   The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the citation comprises a parenthetical citation

2   that is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is inserted into

3   the document.

1   14.   The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the citation comprises a footnote citation

2   comprising a footnote reference number and footnote text, wherein the footnote reference

3   number is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is inserted

4   into the document, and wherein the footnote text is placed in a different location in the

5   document.

1   15.   An apparatus comprising:

2   a memory;

3   a paste buffer residing in the memory, the paste buffer including first and second

4   fields;

5   means for inserting the information in the first field of the paste buffer into a

6   document;

7   means for processing the information in the second field of the paste buffer to

8   determine whether or not to automatically create a citation according to at least one

9   specified paste preference, and if so, automatically creating a citation in the document

10   that includes information from the second field.

1   16.   The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the citation comprises a parenthetical citation

2   that is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is inserted into

3   the document.

1   17.   The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the citation comprises a footnote citation

2   comprising a footnote reference number and footnote text, wherein the footnote reference

3   number is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is inserted

4   into the document, and wherein the footnote text is placed in a different location in the

5   document.

1 18.   A computer-implemented method for placing information into a paste buffer, the
2 method comprising the steps of:
3   copying information selected by a user into a first field in the paste buffer; and
4   automatically collecting and writing information relating to a source of the user-
5 selected information into a second field in the paste buffer when the user-selected
6 information is copied into the first field of the paste buffer.

1 19.   The method of claim 18 wherein the information written to the second field in the
2 paste buffer is determined by at least one specified cut/copy preference.

1 20.   The method of claim 18 further comprising the steps of:
2   inserting the information in the first field of the paste buffer into a document;
3   processing the information in the second field of the paste buffer to determine
4 whether or not to automatically create a citation according to at least one specified paste
5 preference, and if so, automatically creating a citation in the document that includes
6 information from the second field.

1 21.   The method of claim 18 wherein the citation comprises a parenthetical citation
2 that is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is inserted into
3 the document.

1 22.   The method of claim 18 wherein the citation comprises a footnote citation
2 comprising a footnote reference number and footnote text, wherein the footnote reference
3 number is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is inserted
4 into the document, and wherein the footnote text is placed in a different location in the
5 document.

1   23.   A computer-implemented method for using information stored in first and second

2   fields in a paste buffer, the method comprising the steps of:

3   inserting the information in the first field of the paste buffer into a document;

4   processing the information in the second field of the paste buffer to determine

5   whether or not to automatically create a citation according to at least one specified paste

6   preference, and if so, automatically creating a citation in the document that includes

7   information from the second field.

1   24.   The method of claim 23 wherein the citation comprises a parenthetical citation

2   that is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is inserted into

3   the document.

1   25.   The method of claim 23 wherein the citation comprises a footnote citation

2   comprising a footnote reference number and footnote text, wherein the footnote reference

3   number is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is inserted

4   into the document, and wherein the footnote text is placed in a different location in the

5   document.

1   26.   The method of claim 23 wherein the information stored in the second field of the

2   paste buffer relates to a source for the information in the first field.

1 27. A program product comprising:

2   a paste buffer that includes first and second fields;

3   a cut/copy mechanism that writes information selected by a user into the first field

4 of the paste buffer, and that automatically collects and writes information relating to a

5 source of the user-selected information in the second field of the paste buffer when the

6 user-selected information is written to the first field; and

7   signal bearing media bearing the paste buffer and the cut/copy mechanism.

1 28. The program product of claim 27 wherein the signal bearing media comprises

2 recordable media.

1 29. The program product of claim 27 wherein the signal bearing media comprises

2 transmission media.

1 30. The program product of claim 27 wherein the information that the cut/copy

2 mechanism writes to the second field is determined by at least one specified cut/copy

3 preference.

1 31. The program product of claim 27 further comprising a paste mechanism on the

2 signal bearing media that inserts the information in the first field of the paste buffer into a

3 document, and that processes the information in the second field of the paste buffer to

4 determine whether or not to automatically create a citation according to at least one

5 specified paste preference, and if so, automatically creating a citation in the document

6 that includes information from the second field.

1 32. The program product of claim 31 wherein the citation comprises a parenthetical

2 citation that is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is

3 inserted into the document.

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1   33.   The program product of claim 31 wherein the citation comprises a footnote

2   citation comprising a footnote reference number and footnote text, wherein the footnote

3   reference number is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is

4   inserted into the document, and wherein the footnote text is placed in a different location

5   in the document.

1   34.   The program product of claim 31 wherein the cut/copy mechanism and the paste

2   mechanism are different portions of the same copy/paste mechanism.

1   35.   A program product comprising:

2   (A) a paste buffer that includes:

3   a first field that contains information selected by a user; and

4   a second field that contains information relating to a source of the user-

5   selected information;

6   (B) signal bearing media bearing the paste buffer.

1   36.   The program product of claim 35 wherein the signal bearing media comprises

2   recordable media.

1   37.   The program product of claim 35 wherein the signal bearing media comprises

2   transmission media.

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1   38.   A program product comprising:

2   a cut/copy mechanism that writes information selected by a user into a first field

3   in a paste buffer, and that automatically collects and writes information relating to a

4   source of the user-selected information in a second field in the paste buffer when the user-

5   selected information is written to the first field; and

6   signal bearing media bearing the cut/copy mechanism.

1   39.   The program product of claim 38 wherein the signal bearing media comprises

2   recordable media.

1   40.   The program product of claim 38 wherein the signal bearing media comprises

2   transmission media.

1   41.   A program product comprising:

2   a paste mechanism that inserts information in a first field of a paste buffer into a

3   document, and that processes information in a second field of the paste buffer to

4   determine whether or not to automatically create a citation according to at least one

5   specified paste preference, and if so, automatically creating a citation in the document

6   that includes information from the second field; and

7   signal bearing media bearing the paste mechanism.

1   42.   The program product of claim 41 wherein the signal bearing media comprises

2   recordable media.

1   43.   The program product of claim 41 wherein the signal bearing media comprises

2   transmission media.

1   44.   The program product of claim 41 wherein the citation comprises a parenthetical

2   citation that is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is

3   inserted into the document.

1   45.   The program product of claim 41 wherein the citation comprises a footnote

2   citation comprising a footnote reference number and footnote text, wherein the footnote

3   reference number is inserted in the document after the information in the first field that is

4   inserted into the document, and wherein the footnote text is placed in a different location

5   in the document.

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